

### CHILD SAFETY

*As a Christian community, meeting together to worship God, we affirm to ensuring the safety of each child who interacts with our community.*

*Our statement of commitment for Child Safety is available on our website or in the Narthex of each Parish Centre.*

**Mission Statement:** *To live as disciples of Christ Embracing his teaching of love and service to all.*

**Vision Statement:** *To be known as God's people of prayer, to be welcoming of all our sisters and brothers by being inclusive and sensitive to diversity, open to change and growing as a community by the love and grace of Christ.*

### DIARY THIS WEEK

Monday 13th. January  
*Hilary of Poitiers, bishop and teacher (d.367)*

Tuesday 14th. January  
*Sava, first archbishop of the Serbian church (d.1235)*

Wednesday 15th. January **NO** service at St.Matthew's

Friday 17th. January  
*Antony of Egypt, abbot (d.356)*

Saturday 18th. January 10.00 am. Parish Council at St. Linus'  
**CONFESSION OF PETER**

Sunday 19th. January 9.00 am. Eucharist at St.Linus'  
**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**  
10.30 am. Eucharist at St.Matthew's

### LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 26th. January - Australia Day

**Saturday 1st. February - Book & Craft rooms open at St. Matthew's**

Tuesday 25th. February - Shrove Tuesday

Wednesday 26th. February - ASH WEDNESDAY

Friday 6th. March - World Day of Prayer

**Saturday 7th. March - Books & Craft rooms open at St. Matthew's**

Wednesday 25th. March - Annunciation to the Blessed Virgin Mary  
( Mothers' Union Lady Day )

Sunday 5th. April - Palm Sunday

*Pew Leaflet notices  
Please give to, or phone Glenda Owen  
Or email - gonana7@bigpond.com - by 7.00 pm. Wednesday*

## The Anglican Parish of Glenroy / Hadfield / Merlynston



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with

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### WELCOME

*At St. Linus' the service begins on page 119 of 'A Prayer Book for Australia' (green book)  
Hymns are found in 'Together in Song' (red book )  
At St. Matthew's the service can be followed on the screens.*

*Please join us for morning tea, following the service.*



JESUS' BAPTISM

**THE  
BAPTISM  
of our  
LORD**

**12th. January  
2020**

**PLEASE OBSERVE SILENCE  
PRIOR TO OUR SERVICE, DURING HOLY COMMUNION  
AND AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE SERVICE**

### Acknowledgement of Land

( An act towards reconciliation by the Parish of Glenroy / Hadfield / Merlynston )

For thousands of years indigenous people have walked in this land, on their own country. Their relationship with the land is at the centre of their lives . We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation, for their stewardship throughout the ages.

During the 10.30 am. Service at St. Matthew's each Sunday, Opportunity will be available to receive one-on-one prayer for any personal needs.

Please go to the Chapel area after you have received Communion.

### GLUTEN FREE COMMUNION WAFERS ARE AVAILABLE

If you require Gluten Free wafer

Please speak to the Lay Assistant or Welcomer, BEFORE the service.

**Sentence:** A voice came from heaven, saying, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased. *Matthew 3. 17;*

**Collect:** Eternal God, at the baptism of Jesus in the river Jordan, you proclaimed him your beloved Son, and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: grant that all who are baptized into his name, may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Saviour; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

### Readings

#### Isaiah 42. 1-9;

Thus says the LORD: Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

#### Psalms 29:

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven,  
**ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.**
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name;  
**O worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness.**
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;  
**the God of glory thunders, the Lord is upon the great waters.**
- 4 The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation;  
**the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.**
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;  
**the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon;**
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
**Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

- 7 The voice of the Lord divides the lightning-flash.  
**the voice of the Lord whirls the sands of the desert, the Lord whirls the desert of Kadesh.**
- 8 The voice of the Lord rends the terebinth trees;  
**and strips bare the forests; in his temple all cry 'Glory'.**
- 9 The Lord sits enthroned above the water-flood;  
**the Lord sits enthroned as king for ever.**
- 10 The Lord will give strength to his people;  
**the Lord will give to his people the blessing of peace.**

#### Acts 10. 34-43;

Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius. 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

#### Matthew 3. 13-17;

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'



### PRAYER

*This prayer has been said at St Paul's Cathedral during past days.*

Almighty God and heavenly Father, we pray for this world that you love so much that you sent your Son Jesus to be born as the child of Bethlehem: We pray for the safety of those sheltering from fires and those fighting fires, for livestock, native animals, paddocks, bushlands and sacred places. We remember our own loved ones and those who are dear to us facing this crisis. We pray for those tending to the injured, the frightened and the broken-hearted, for emergency services, emergency broadcasters, chaplains and counsellors. We ask for your forgiveness for our own failures in safeguarding your good creation, and pray for political and community leaders, and all those responding to the current crisis in our nation. Above all, we pray the peace that passes all understanding, in our nation and state, in our homes and in our hearts. This we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**